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PARKS COMMITTEE ADVANCES NAKASONE NOMINATION AS BANDMASTER

Today the Honolulu City Council Parks Committee, chaired by Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu), voted unanimously to advance the nomination of Michael Nakasone as Bandmaster of the Royal Hawaiian Band to the full City Council. "Although there are lingering questions over the Mayor's selection process of the bandmaster, the role of the City Council is to evaluate the qualifications of appointees, not to make cabinet appointments. It is clear that Mike Nakasone is well qualified to serve as Bandmaster. I am confident that Mr. Nakasone's unique gift of music and his willingness to connect with the rich history of the band will serve the public well."

Only three individuals testified against Nakasone's appointment, while 27 members of the public, many from the Royal Hawaiian Band itself, testified in favor of his confirmation. On March 16, the full City Council is expected to take the final vote on Nakasone's appointment.

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